Executive Committee for Highway Safety Ensuring Drivers are Fully Licensed Working Group Meeting Minutes March 10, 2005 – Mtg. #6

Location:

DMV, Commissioner's Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Wayne Hurder Sgt. Tim Tomczak Max Tate Cliff Braam

Cpt.. Norman Goering

Scribe:

Cliff Braam

Minutes:

• The meeting began at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Task I – Update of January 20, 2005 ECHS Meeting

Cliff informed the group that at the last Executive Committee meeting, the strategy for "More Accurate Identification of Revoked Drivers" was presented. This strategy will tie into current DMV efforts/initiatives concerning changes to the database and will make it easier for law enforcement officers to access/query data.

The strategy was unanimously approved by the committee. DMV will be asked to take the lead on this strategy since they are responsible for the project involving the changes to their current system.

Task II – Discussion of Next Strategy

The group next talked about possible future strategies. There was general discussion about several issues and potential strategies that could be developed. Listed below are the final ideas that came out of the discussions. Each of these have been assigned to a group member to put into draft form for review by the entire group.

Name	Item
Tim	Habitual Revoked Driver's Offense – This strategy will look to
	stiffen/increase the penalties for individuals who repeatedly continue to drive
	even though they are revoked and may have been revoked several times. It
	will examine ways to avoid the present judicial stigma of permanently
	revoking someone who is already permanently revoked.

Norman	Driving While Revoked Fees – This will look at a method by which to assess
	a fee, for example \$500 per incident, to anyone who is caught driving while
	revoked. If the fee is not paid, then a lien will be placed upon the vehicle until
	the debt is settled with the state.
Cliff	No Vehicle License Plate Renewal if the Registered Owner is Revoked – If
	the registered owner of a vehicle does not have a valid drivers license, then
	DMV will not issue the license plate renewal for the vehicle until either the
	registered owner obtains a valid drivers license or ownership of the vehicle is
	transferred to someone with a valid license.
Max	Examine the issues of revoked drivers at a national level to determine what
	other states have done and see if these programs may be applicable to the
	conditions in North Carolina.

Draft copies of these strategies should be submitted to Cliff by <u>April 4th</u>. Cliff will forward them to the group members for review and comments. The group will then decide on the next step for each of these including prioritizing them for presentation to the Executive Committee.

Action Items:

Name	Item
Group	See above: Task II

NEXT MEETING: TBD, DMV Conference Room